



# Multinational Interoperability Council

## Newsletter 02/2005

### March MIWG 2005

The Multinational Interoperability Council (MIC) held its Spring Meetings (*March 05 MIWG*) at the National Conference Center, Lansdowne, VA, 8-10 March 2005. Col Chuck Pattillo (USA), Joint Staff J3 DDGO/MOD and Capstone MIWG Chairman, welcomed more than 90 officers and civilian employees from 8 different nations representing the MIC, the Combined Communications-Electronics Board, NATO Allied Command Transformation, New Zealand, Italy, and USJFCOM.

The discussions and deliberations internal to and between the MIWGs enhanced the knowledge of all attendees on important topics of interest for improving future coalition operations. Subject Matter Experts briefed the Capstone MIWG on programs of interest to the MIC. Mr. Paul Ulrich, USA POC for the Multilateral Interoperability Programme (MIP) provided a MIP overview briefing (<http://www.mip-site.org>). LtCol Kevin Kelly, USA Joint Staff J-6, gave a briefing on Cross Domain Current Capabilities.



#### Table Top Exercise:

A key focus of the meeting was preparing for the MIC Principals' Meeting in Quebec City, Canada scheduled for 24-26 May 2005. One of the key events planned for MIC 2005 is a full day Table Top exercise, where the MIC Principals will identify potential steps necessary to overcome strategic and operational interoperability issues that are highlighted during the exercise and to test and validate the MIC Coalition Building Guide (CBG), which was developed over the last several years.

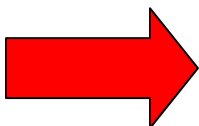
#### Lessons Learned Ad Hoc Working Group:

Lessons learned experts from all MIC nations met for the first time to discuss what information should be shared and how to format and package the information. This is important since every MIC nation collects and formats lessons learned data differently. The key outcome of their deliberations was a proposal to provide the MIC member nations with a central lessons learned/lessons identified database that focuses on operational interoperability issues including command and control, logistics, planning and doctrine.



#### MIC 2005 EVENTS CALENDAR

- MIC 2005 24-26 May Quebec City, Canada
- MIWG Meeting 26-29 Sep, Norfolk, VA
- Capstone Meeting 14 –18 November, Australia
- Principals VTC 13 Dec



### Capstone MIWG members at Lansdowne:



Col Chuck Pattillo (USA Capstone Chairman) welcomed two new members to the Capstone MIWG: CAPT David Johnston (AUS) who replaces Col Steve Salmon and Col Tim Martin (GBR) who replaces Col Andrew Sharpe.

From left to right: Col Tim Martin (GBR), Col Francois Estrade (FRA), Col Gerhard Schulz (DEU), CAPT David Johnston (AUS), CAPT Darren Knight (CAN) and Col Chuck Pattillo (USA).

#### **Summary of results:**

**IS MIWG:** Changed name to **Ops MIWG** to more accurately reflect the roles and missions of the MIWG. A Management Plan for Griffin Web Services was reviewed as well as a draft Coalition Information Exchange (CIE) Annex to the CBG. The OPS MIWG is developing an operational Use Document for Web/Chat and COP and a MIC Griffin Domain (MGD) User Community List.

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**CDE MIWG:** Finished most of their work associated with the Gap Analysis and will deliver their results to Ops MIWG in Apr 05. The CIEE 2008 Paper was reviewed and discussed in transitioning the paper to a capabilities based functional requirements document.

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**DPP MIWG:** National campaign planning constructs will be added to CBG. The CBG will be harmonized with NATO doctrine and will be presented for MIC Principal approval/signature during MIC 2005.

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**Logistics MIWG:** Received US-NATO IM/IT Overview Briefings, validated the Data Call, prioritized the CIEE Requirements for 2008, and completed an Availability Assessment for 2008.

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**Network MIWG:** Continued their work on the Gap Analysis, discussed the Griffin User Requirements Templates, and reworked the CIEE 2008 Paper. The Network MIWG proposed a testing of a secure VTC Capability in July 2005 and discussed MIC Information Release Policy. Regarding the Griffin, the group worked:

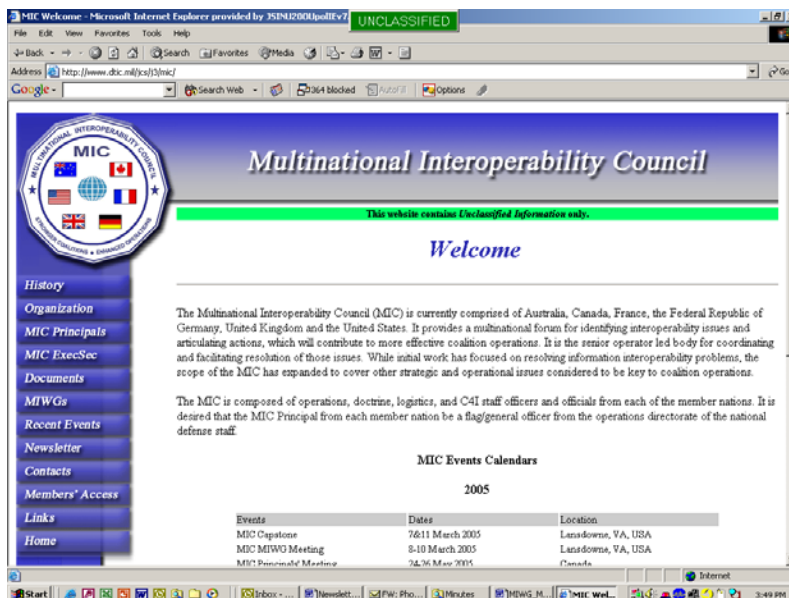
- Directory Services for Griffin
  - MGD: New Griffin IOC will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006
  - Accreditation Process of MGD
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**Capstone MIWG:** MIC Documents were reviewed and updated. The Griffin OpEval led by Canada was reviewed and endorsed. The agenda for MIC 2005 was approved as well the schedule of proposed events for 2005, 2006 and 2007. The Capstone MIWG approved extending the meeting schedules for the Sep 05 MIWG from Monday through Friday, with Friday as an optional meeting day for those MIWGs requiring additional time.

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